(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of the approved educational institutions whose Diploma in Mining Engineering has been recognised?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) & (b) The Diploma has been prescribed as a qualification for recruitment to the post of Superintendent, Factory for Crushing Quarts and Limestone, Salem. The question of according general recognition is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) No other Diploma in Mining Engineering has been recognized.

Block Development Areas and Fisheries Block (Ramanathapuram)

* 828 Q.—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI K. VINAYAKAM) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are Block Development areas in Ramanathapuram district; and

(b) whether there are Fisheries Blocks in Ramanathapuram?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Thiruvattar and Alagiamandapam blocks (formation)

* 829 Q.– SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) when will the Thiruvattar and Alagiamandapam blocks be formed in the Kanyakumari district; and

(b) the reason for the delay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) There is no block called Alagiamandapam in the Kanyakumari ditrict. Of the nine blocks into which the district has been delimited seven have been taken up already under the Community Development Programme. The two blocks remaining to be taken up are Thuckalay and Thiruvattar. There has been no avoidable delay in taking up these blocks. According to the present policy of Government, these blocks will be taken up before October 1962 (for pre-extension work).

Working of the Co-operative Societies (foreign countries)

* 830 Q.—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons sent or to be sent from the Co-operative Department for studying the working of the Co-operative Societies in foreign countries;

(*b*) to which foreign countries; and

(*c*) the basis on which they are selected?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Two officers of the Co-operative Department were sent to foreign countries for training in Co-operation.

(*b*) One officer was sent to Canada and the other to U.S.A.

(*c*) The officers are selected on the basis of qualifications prescribed by the Government of India.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know, Sir, why United Kingdom and Canada were preferred as against Denmark and Sweden?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : These are the countries which offered facilities and invited candidates.

SRI N. MARUDACHALAM; அப்படி அனுப்பப்பட்டவர்களில் தாழ்த்தப் பட்டவர்கள் எத்தனை பேர் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN; அந்த விவரம் என்னிடத் தில் இல்லை.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

NNTE.—An asterisk(*)at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member

II.—LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO A MEMBER

MR. SPEAKER : I have received a notice of motion from Sri P. G Karuthiruman. He may now move it.

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN : Sir, I move—

'That under Rule 11 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, leave of absence be granted by this House to Sri A. Y. S. Parisutha Nadar, till the end of June 1961, from the date of his absence.'

The motion was duly seconded.

The motion was put and carried.

III.-VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1931-62—*cont.*

DEMAND XXV—HARIJAN UPLIFT.

* THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

" That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 3,05,73,000 under Demand XXV—Harijan Uplift.'

MR. SPEAKER : Motion moved—

'That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 3,05,73,000 under Demand XXV—Harijan Uplift.'